

Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

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or dairy products are received, collected or handled for transfer to a processing or manufacturing plant.

(z) *Transfer station.* Any place, premise, or establishment where milk or dairy products are transferred directly from one transport tank to another.

(aa) *Corrosion-resistant.* Those materials that maintain their original surface characteristics under prolonged influence of the product to be contacted, cleaning compounds and sanitizing solutions, and other conditions of the environment in which used.

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PURPOSE

§ 58.122 Approved plants under USDA inspection and grading service.

(a) Adoption of certain sound practices at dairy plants will significantly aid the operators to manufacture more consistently, uniform high-quality stable dairy products. Only dairy products manufactured, processed and packaged in an approved plant may be graded or inspected and identified with official identification. The specifications established herein provide the basis for a quality maintenance program which may be effectively carried forward through official inspection, grading, and quality control service.

(b) USDA inspection and grading service is provided to dairy product manufacturing plants on a voluntary basis. The operator of any dairy plant desiring to have such a plant qualified as an approved plant under USDA inspection and grading service may request surveys of such plant, premises, equipment, facilities, methods of operation, and raw material to determine whether they are adequate to permit inspection and grading service. The cost of this survey shall be borne by the applicant.

APPROVED PLANTS

§ 58.123 Survey and approval.

Prior to the approval of a plant, a designated representative of the Ad-

ministrator shall make a survey of the plant, premises, storage facilities, equipment and raw material, volume of raw material processed daily, and facilities for handling the products at the plant. The survey shall be made at least twice a year to determine whether the facilities, equipment, method of operation, and raw material being received are adequate and suitable for USDA inspection and grading service in accordance with the provisions of this part. To be eligible for approval a plant shall satisfactorily meet the specifications of this subpart as determined by the Administrator.

§ 58.124 Denial or suspension of plant approval.

Plant approval may be denied or suspended if a determination is made by a designated representative of the Administrator that the plant is not performing satisfactorily in regard to; (a) the classification of milk, (b) proper segregation and disposal of unwholesome raw materials or finished product, (c) adequate facilities and condition of processing equipment, (d) sanitary conditions of plant and equipment, (e) control of insects, rodents and other vermin, (f) use of non-toxic product contact surfaces and prevention of adulteration of raw materials and products with chemicals or other foreign material, (g) proper operating procedures, (h) the maintenance of legal composition of finished products, (i) the manufacture of stable dairy products, of desirable keeping quality characteristics, (j) proper storage conditions for ingrapackaging methods and material.

PREMISES, BUILDINGS, FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT AND UTENSILS

§ 58.125 Premises.

(a) The premises shall be kept in a clean and orderly condition, and shall be free from strong or foul odors, smoke, or excessive air pollution. Construction and maintenance of driveways and adjacent plant traffic areas should be of cement, asphalt, or similar material to keep dust and mud to a minimum.

(b) *Surroundings.* The immediate surroundings shall be free from refuse,